



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:

A **Gale Warning (34 – 40 knots)** remains in effect for the Northern Bahamas. Occasional gusts to gale force are likely across the Northern Bahamas through 6am Thursday morning. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

A **Severe Weather Watch** is now in effect for the islands of the Northern Bahamas (Grand Bahama, Abaco and Bimini) as well as portions of the Northwest Bahamas (Berry Islands, Northern Andros, New Providence, Northern Eleuthera) along with their adjacent waters and cays. *The public is urged to remain updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.*

Rip Currents and Rough Surf: A **high risk** of dangerous, life-threatening rip currents and rough surf will persist along all Atlantic-exposed beaches and area waters of the island chain. *Beachgoers and swimmers are strongly advised to remain out of the water.*

GENERAL SITUATION:

A surface low northeast of The Bahamas with a trailing frontal boundary extending across the Northwest Bahamas, will generate unsettled weather conditions along its boundary and across portions of the Central Bahamas tonight, with increasing cloudiness, scattered showers, and a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms.

OUTLOOK: In the wake of the front, a tightening pressure gradient over the western Atlantic will support strong to gale force breezes, producing hazardous marine and beaching conditions across the island chain. The frontal boundary is expected to stall and gradually weaken across the Northwest Bahamas by Friday. Meanwhile, strengthening high pressure will maintain a tight pressure gradient, resulting in increasing winds and building seas, with hazardous conditions persisting through the end of the week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY:

A **Gale Warning (34 – 40 knots)** is in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WINDS:

Northeast to east at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force likely tonight, becoming east to southeast at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force possible.

LOCAL SEAS:

3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 9 to 13 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

GULF STREAM:

Seas 9 to 12 feet, occasionally to 15 feet.

SWELLS:

Moderate to large north to northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

50-70% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY:

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WINDS:

Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts on Thursday.



LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 8 to 12 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Moderate to large north to northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 50-70% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY: A *small craft advisory* in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a *small craft caution* is in effect for sheltered waters. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged not to venture far from port.*
WINDS: Variable at 10 knots or less.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY: A *small craft advisory* in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a *small craft caution* is in effect for sheltered waters. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged not to venture far from port.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 10 knots or less.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
1:36 AM THU.	12:05 PM THU.
Moon Phase FULL MOON	
Third Quarter, on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 12:51 AM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	7:21 PM	6:51 PM	6:47 PM	7:13 PM
HIGH TIDE:	1:47 AM THU.	1:23 AM THU.	1:21 AM THU.	1:39 AM THU.

(For specific times for other islands, please see Tide Table Publication.)

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2026:**

ADVISORY:	A Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots) remains in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas . A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a small craft caution remains in effect for sheltered waters across the Central and Southeast Bahamas . Mariners, especially small craft operators in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas are urged to remain in port. Operators in the Central and Southeast Bahamas should not venture far from port.
WINDS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Northeast at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts. Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 8 to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SEAS:	Central & Southeast Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Gulf Stream: Seas 6 to 9 feet, occasionally to 11 feet.
SWELLS:	All Areas: Moderate to large northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	All Areas: 30-40% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	A Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots) will be in effect for the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas . A small craft advisory will be in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a small craft caution will be in effect for sheltered waters across the Southeast Bahamas . Mariners, especially small craft operators across all area waters, are urged to remain in port.
WINDS:	Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: Northeast at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely. Southeast Bahamas: Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by nightfall. Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SEAS:	Southeast Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet, subsiding to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Saturday night. Gulf Stream: Seas 5 to 8 feet, occasionally to 10 feet.
SWELLS:	All Areas: Moderate to large northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers. Central & Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

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